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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Bhabendra K. Pradhan DATE: May 30, 2006

SERIAL NO.: 10/719,923 GROUP ART UNIT: 1754

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FOR: "Process to Reduce the Pre-Reduction Step for Catalysts for Nanocarbon Synthesis"

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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2006. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by May 3, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response for one months from May 3, 2006 to June 3, 2006.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):

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